

2020 California Avocado Acreage Update

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The California Avocado Commission partners with Land IQ to conduct annual acreage surveys that are used by CAC for yield forecasting, to make informed budgeting and marketing decisions, and provide an update on the health of the industry and acreage trends. Data from the acreage survey is compiled in a spatial database for use by the Commission. In addition, an annual Statewide Avocado Acreage and Condition report is released to the industry. Highlights from the 2020 report include:

- Planted avocado acreage in the state totaled 54,017
- The planted avocado acreage for avocado growing counties is as follows:
 - Riverside – 5,046
 - Santa Barbara – 6,741
 - San Diego – 16,488
 - San Luis Obispo – 4,043
 - Ventura – 19,754
 - Minor Counties* – 1,945

*(Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Bernardino, Tulare)

- As concerns the growing regions, their acreage classifications are illustrated in the chart below:

| 2020 Avocado Acreage Classification Summary | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| County | Producing Acres | New/Young Acres | Topped/Stumped Acres | Planted Acres |
| San Diego | 14,421 | 783 | 1,284 | 16,488 |
| Riverside | 4,335 | 446 | 264 | 5,046 |
| Ventura | 17,056 | 1,825 | 874 | 19,754 |
| Santa Barbara | 5,828 | 629 | 284 | 6,741 |
| San Luis Obispo | 3,894 | 82 | 67 | 4,043 |
| Five County Total | 45,534 | 3,766 | 2,772 | 52,072 |
| <i>Minor Counties</i> | | | | |
| Orange | 990 | 91 | 11 | 1,092 |
| San Bernardino | 467 | 22 | 3 | 492 |
| Monterey | 222 | 0 | 7 | 230 |
| Tulare | 104 | 2 | 1 | 106 |
| Los Angeles | 14 | 3 | 0 | 17 |
| Fresno | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Kern | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Minor Counties Total | 1,800 | 121 | 23 | 1,945 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 47,334 | 3,887 | 2,795 | 54,017 |

New for the 2020 Statewide Avocado Acreage and Condition survey was the addition of an age analysis, as well as review of planted acreage density.

- The age of planted acreage breaks down as follows:
 - Planting to 4 years – 4,417 acres (8%)
 - 5 - 8 years – 9,289 acres (17%)
 - 9 - 15 years – 7,717 acres (14%)
 - 16 - 20 years – 8,989 acres (17%)
 - 21 years + – 23,604 acres (44%)
- Density was classified according to high density (15x15 or closer and 20x10) or standard density (15x20 or greater) with the percentage of high-density acreage planted as follows:

| County | Producing Acres | New/Young Acres | Topped/Stumped Acres |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| San Diego | 15% | 43% | 14% |
| Riverside | 28% | 31% | 19% |
| Ventura | 18% | 39% | 14% |
| Santa Barbara | 14% | 65% | 23% |
| San Luis Obispo | 11% | 32% | 5% |
| Other | 5% | 59% | 17% |

The complete report can be found on the Commission's website at <http://bit.ly/2020-CA-Acreage-Report> and includes tables detailing acreage by zip code, new acres by county and planting year, a breakdown of avocado acreage by planting density (high density versus standard), the net change in producing/young/stumped acreage by county, and various maps noting the acreages of avocados planted. 🍷